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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE PATENT APPLICATION

OF: Masaaki HARASAWA et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/017,983

FILED: December 13, 2001

FOR: Electric Connector for  
 Electrically Connecting a  
 Wire of One Article to a  
 Contact of Another Article  
 (as amended)

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ART UNIT: 2839

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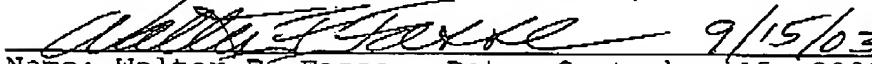
TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS A RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 14, 2003 IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION COMPRISING 4 PAGES. A TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND FORM PTO-2038 ARE ENCLOSED. A COPY OF AN IDS, FORM PTO-1449, 5 ENGLISH ABSTRACTS, +2 PARTIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS; AND A CERTIFIED ACCURATE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF JAPANESE PRIORITY APPLICATION 2000-384528 WITH TRANSLATOR'S CERTIFICATE ARE ENCLOSED.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

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 AN ATTACHED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET  
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Dear Sir:

The period for response to the Office Action has been extended with the enclosed two month Term Extension Request and fee payment (Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038). Filing this Response on Monday, September 15, 2003 is timely with the enclosed two month Term Extension Request, because September 14, 2003 was a Sunday.

**NO AMENDMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN THIS RESPONSE.**